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11 October 1948

MEMORANDUM FOR ICAPS FILES

Subject: CIA Staff Intelligence Status Report of 1 October 1948

1. When Mr. Booth of State called in [] of ICAPS on October 6th to complain about the way ORE was handling the production of Intelligence Memoranda shown on the CIA Staff Intelligence Status Report of October 1, 1948, we discussed this matter with Messrs. Babbitt and [] of ORE on October 7th and with General Todd on October 8th. See Memo of October 11th, "Resume of conversation..."

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2. Mr. Booth is being informed orally that the Intelligence Memoranda are work done in compliance with specific instructions from the Director of Central Intelligence to ORE to satisfy specific requests which he has received. Sometimes they were prepared for his signature, i.e., a letter answering his correspondents. ORE does not always know why he wants such memoranda or what he is going to do with them. Pending his return to Washington, we feel that these are internal CIA matters and are not the established coordinated reports and estimates which are circulated to the Intelligence Advisory Committee and in which the IAC agencies have a right to participate. They have limited distribution as determined by the Director or his Correspondent.

3. So far as the State Department's being informed about a subject or having knowledge of a subject on which CIA is working, we hope we have arranged that it will be informed in advance of the subjects, even though they may be so urgent that State cannot participate in the preparation. Thus State will have a knowledge of what is going on at the time rather than "ex post facto" in these monthly reports.

4. We have taken up with the JIG the matter of State's participating in the preparation of memoranda for the JIG when the subject pertains to State's dominant interest and have been informed that JIG prefers this normal CIA procedure of coordinating papers. We hope just about everything can be handled in accordance with NSCID No. 3 and DCI 3/1 even though the Memoranda are usually urgent internal matters.

5. If this reply should not satisfy Mr. Booth he will be advised to submit State's complaint in writing and then a written reply to the above effect can be sent.

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CC: Mr. Babbitt
Director